Houses under VAMBAY Scheme in A.P.

1163. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have submitted project proposals for sanction of 44,425 houses for the year 2004-05 under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) Scheme and sought to enhance the unit cost to Rs. 75,000/-;

(b) if so, action taken in this regard;

(c) whether Central Government have been requested by Andhra Pradesh Government for releasing sanction orders for the balance of houses numbering 34,418;

(d) if so, whether Government would release sanction orders at the earliest; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) In the year 2004-05 Andhra Pradesh State Housing Corporation (APSHC), which is the nodal agency for implementation of Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) in Andhra Pradesh, has submitted 5 schemes (Scheme Nos. 18474,18475, 18629, 18630 & 18784) with Government of India subsidy of Rs. 9745.40 lakh for construction/up-gradation of 44,458 dwelling units (DUs). GOI subsidy of Rs. 3492.49 lakh was released in the year 2004-05 covering 16,148 DUs. In the current year, 2005-06, GOI subsidy of Rs. 3119.63 lakh has been released covering 13,229 DUs. So far a total GOI subsidy of Rs. 6,612.12 lakh has been released for these schemes covering 29,377 dwelling units. Balance amount of Rs. 3,133.28 lakh will be released after the State submits full Utilization Certificates and furnishes details on physical progress for the GOI subsidy released up to the year 2003-04. The unit cost, for which the said schemes were submitted, was as per VAMBAY guidelines and not Rs. 75,000/-.